

1 (a) The Commissioner, the Director of the State Office of Economic
2 Opportunity, and the Director of the Office of Home Heating Fuel Assistance,
3 shall develop a plan to advance the integration of the Home Heating Fuel
4 Assistance Program (HHFAP) and the Home Weatherization Assistance
5 Program (HWAP). The plan shall include the programmatic and fiscal impacts
6 of integration and shall ensure mutual reinforcement of the two programs in
7 pursuit of the following objectives:

8 (1) to reduce the energy burden of a home after weatherization to
9 achieve financial savings for the low-income weatherization customer;

10 (2) to reduce the HHFAP benefit after a home is weatherized due to the
11 reduced energy burden while ensuring that the HHFAP recipient continues to
12 pay the same percentage of his or her fuel bill both before and after
13 weatherization; and

14 (3) to continue to provide an incentive for people to weatherize once the
15 HWAP and HHFAP are more formally integrated.

16 (b) On or before January 15, 2015, the Commissioner for Children and
17 Families shall submit the plan described in subsection (a) of this section to the
18 General Assembly.